

# Hidden energy poverty: The student perspective

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# Welcome!



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| 11:00 - 11:15        | <b>Welcome &amp; introduction</b><br>by Joanna Romanowicz, International Programmes Manager, NUS UK  |
| 11:15 – 11:30        | <i>Addressing energy poverty alleviation through SAVES2 and EU funded projects</i> , by Nina Klemola, Project Advisor, EASME   |
| <b>Session 1</b>     | <b>Fuel poverty: findings, impacts &amp; recommendations</b>   |
| 11:30 – 12:00        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vasileios Ntouros, Researcher, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Environmental Physics and Meteorology</li> <li>• Jade Monroe, Senior Project Manager – Engagement, NUS UK</li> </ul> |
| <b>Session 2</b>     | <b>Energy savings, student engagement &amp; recommendations</b>  |
| 12:00 – 12:30        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel Soper, Project manager, NUS UK</li> <li>• Dave Everitt, Managing Director, Ecovisum</li> </ul>   |
| <b>12:30 – 12:40</b> | <b>Students driving change</b>   |
| 12:40 - 12:55        | <b>Q&amp;A session</b>   |
| 12:55 – 13:00        | <b>Conclusions and closing</b>   |

# SAVES 2 is a student engagement project running in seven countries

- Funded by Horizon 2020 (Coordination and Support Action)
- Started 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 and ending January 2021
- Builds on SAVES 1 (April 2014 – March 2017)
- Partnership of 11 organisations based in 8 different countries
- The project has focused on students and energy poverty, a group that is often over-looked
- NUS UK manages the consortium

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# There are 11 organisations in 8 different countries

Student **engagement** delivery partners (country partners) deliver SSO and SSO+ to 14+ universities

- NUS UK (UK)
- Union of Students in Ireland (Ireland)
- University of Sofia (Bulgaria)
- University of Bucharest (Romania)
- University of Cyprus (Cyprus)
- Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (Lithuania)
- Technical University of Crete (Greece)
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece)



Technical partners (delivery of online energy dashboard):

De Montfort University & Ecovisum (UK)



Dissemination partner:

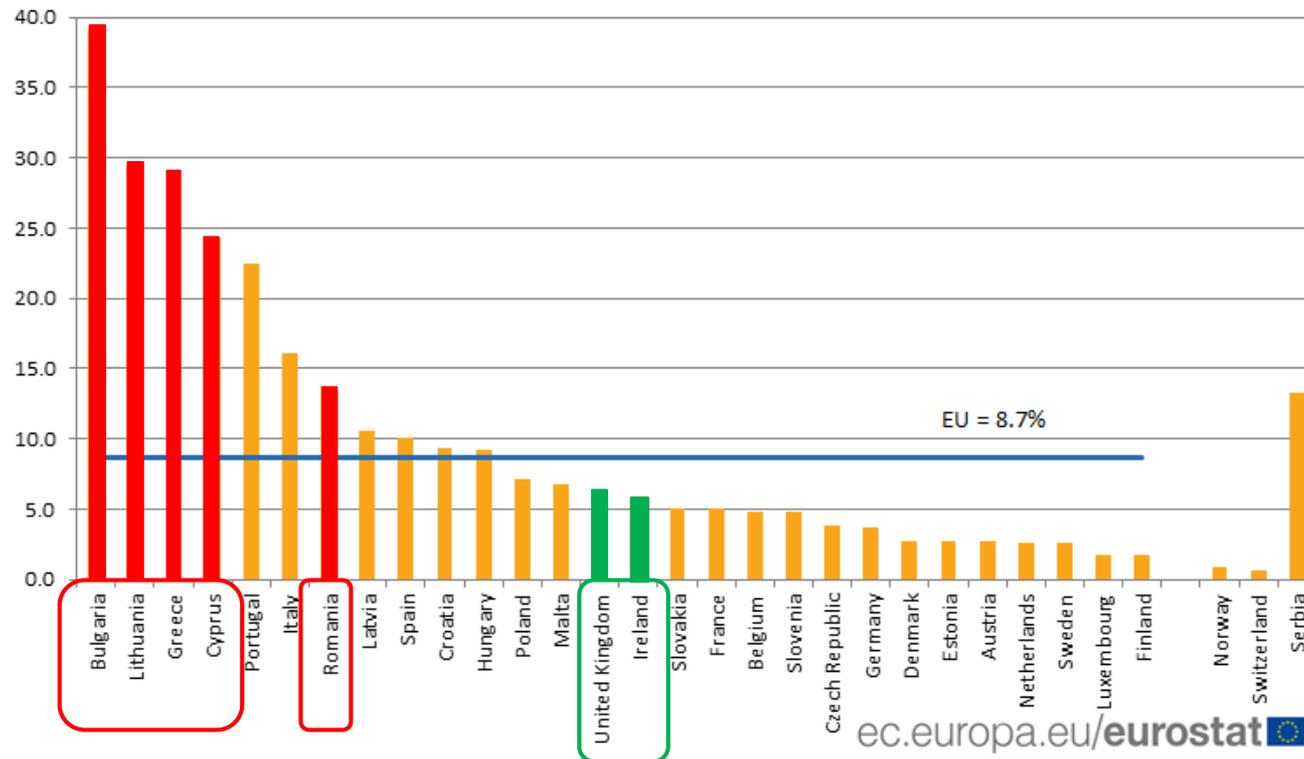
UNICA (Belgium)



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# We chose our participating countries due to high levels of energy poverty

People who cannot afford to keep their home adequately warm, 2016  
(share of total population)



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# SAVES 2 is made of two different campaigns

**Student Switch Off** – student behaviour change campaign in university dormitories

**Student Switch Off+** - engagement with students in the private rented sector around smart metering, energy efficiency, and helps reduce their exposure to fuel poverty



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Working with students in  
dormitories

# Awareness-raising social media competitions

## Question!

- It costs £..... to have one fan for con for

## What is your EPC?

- My home's Energy Performance Certificate rating is .....

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## Win for wrapping up!

- How many warm layers can you

## Competition

- What are you doing to get an efficient home when house hunting?  
...win Ben & Jerry's

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# Celebrating end of year achievements

**Your Student Switch Off top 3!**

Thanks for saving energy & recycling this year

|   |         |
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| 1 | Alcuin  |
| 2 | Derwent |
| 3 | James   |



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End of year prize to the dormitory that saves the most energy



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# SSO+ engaged students in the private rented sector

Advice on **EPCs, tariffs, smart meters, energy-efficiency, understanding energy bills, rights to request energy improvement** to help reduce exposure to energy poverty

Welcome to the Student Switch Off + page

Make sure you're not paying too much for your energy whilst living in a warm and efficient home



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**student switch off +**

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Halls of Residence  
Your City, UK

Example Energy Bill

While living in halls you have been paying an inclusive fee that covers your energy usage but when you move into the private-rented sector you'll probably pay based on how much you use.

Check out this example energy bill to show roughly how much you would have spent in halls this year – and remember to be careful with energy usage when you move out of halls so you don't receive a nasty surprise when you get your first real bill!

**1. What have I spent?**

**£450.00**  
Gas total: £224.00  
Electricity total: £226.00  
Including standing charges (26p/day)

**2. Your energy usage this year:**

Gas total: 4,563kWh  
Electricity total: 1,444kWh

**3. Country specific advice:**

- **Switch supplier** – if you pay the energy bill directly yourself, you have the right to switch supplier. Switching can save a typical household £200/year so check out the price comparison websites to get a better deal
- **Request an Energy Performance certificate (EPC)** from your landlord – particularly when you are house-hunting. These show how well your home is insulated. The scale runs from A to G so we recommend avoiding F or G-rated properties otherwise it is likely to be expensive to keep your house warm.
- **Get a smart meter** – if you pay the energy bill directly yourself you can request a smart meter from your energy provider at no additional cost. These provide real-time information on how much you are using and spending to make it easy to **identify energy wastage**.

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Like our Facebook page – [facebook.com/studentswitchoff](https://facebook.com/studentswitchoff)  
– for advice on how to keep your energy bills as small as possible when you've moved out of halls.  
[saves.nus.org.uk](https://saves.nus.org.uk)

# There are a number of activities as part of SSO+

- Regular emails to students living in the private rented sector on advise
- Training session at the start of the academic year (free for all students' unions to use) & live Facebook Q&A
- Materials eg: Mock energy bill
- Regular social media posts and competitions
- Surveys and focus groups

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# SSO+ engaged students in the private rented sector

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Get your energy bills under control



with a smart meter

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Proud of what we have achieved so far –  
impact discussed in further sessions!